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Man fatally shot Saturday following Ace Hood show



Winnipeg police are asking local hip-hop fans to help solve a murder in one of the city's trendiest neighbourhoods.

On Wednesday, police put a callout for anyone who attended rapper Ace Hood's show last Friday night at Reset Interactive Ultralounge at 1931 Pembina Hwy. to turn over any photos or video shot inside the club or in the parking lot.

Police believe Theodoros Belayneh was coming from the show when he was shot in east

Osborne Village — specifically the area of Donald Street and Stradbroke Avenue — last Saturday around 3 a.m.

"Members of the Winnipeg Police Service wish to access any imagery of individuals or crowds during this time frame in attempt to identify anyone associating with Belayneh that night," a release issued Wednesday says.

Belayneh, 32, from Edmonton, died in hospital last weekend after police responded to reports of gunshots.

Another man was also rushed to hospital, and was last reported to have been recovering from his injuries.

Back in 2014, Belayneh, along with two others, was arrested and charged with numerous weapon related offenses after a traffic stop where police discovered two loaded .45-calibre handguns, including one that was stolen from Saskatchewan.



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Newcomers from Syria Nour Ismail, left, and Yara Ahmed practise soccer at the University of Winnipeg's Axworthy Health & RecPlex. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

Fostering female athletes

COMMUNITY

Program aims get newcomer girls involved in local sports



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro|Winnipeg

A Winnipeg program encour-

aging newcomer girls to get active has received a national grant to help wield its muscle.

The Newcomer Soccer and Multi-Sport Academy, a volunteer-run organization, offers soccer and basketball lessons twice a week at the University of Winnipeg's Axworthy Health and RecPlex.

Anywhere from 20 to 40 kids ages five to 16 lace up on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Most of them are

newcomers from Syria, with some from Ukraine and Egypt, said the program's creator Carolyn Trono.

The group was one of 20 chosen from about 2,500 submissions across Canada to receive a Dairy Farmers' \$5,000 grant, money they will put toward training more young women in hopes of helping improve their self-confidence, Trono said.

"When they first came, they

hadn't had the same opportunities as boys have to participate in sport and I can see by watching them that some of their movement patterns... (aren't) as well-developed as the boys," said Trono, who works as the director of long-term athlete development for Sport for Life when she's not volunteering.

"And so now they have the same opportunities in Canada to participate in sport as the boys do. So I'm hoping through

this Champions Fund we can provide them some of these enriched opportunities so they can develop those skills."

The end goal is to integrate the newcomer children into local sports leagues, Trono said.

But in the mean time, they'd also like to expand their own programming to teach kids swimming, curling and skating, and to organize fitness classes, like Zumba, for their families to participate in altogether.

They've started a crowdfunding page through the University of Winnipeg Foundation to help achieve more program diversity.

"We want them to be able to play, be able to participate, feel that sense of belonging and feel confident and competent in some of the other sports," Trono said. "I think sport has a phenomenal way to embrace, welcome and create that sense of belonging, if it's done in the right way."

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Bowman unbowed no longer as plans unravel

ANALYSIS

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg



A crack in Mayor Brian Bowman's leadership is starting to show.

It happened on Wednesday when Bowman very publicly rejected a senior staffer's suggestion it could take two years to plan for the reopening of Portage and Main — making his own hope to see the barricades fall before the 2017 Canada Summer Games seem downright naïve.

And by the way things are going at city hall, this crack could keep spreading.

Two years into Winnipeg's top job and it appears, at least to the average observer, some of Bowman's best-laid plans may be unravelling.

Look, for example, at the growing criticism of the city's spending on road repairs.

When the city released its 2016 spending plan, councillors like Russ Wyatt voiced concerns that the slight bump in the \$105.2-million roads budget from the previous year didn't match up with the revenue coming in from a two per cent property tax hike.

That two per cent increase raises money that's dedicated to pay for roadwork through previously established reserve funds.

Fast-forward eight months to when the '17 preliminary budget is tabled.

The document pegs roads spending to stay the exact same, even with another two per cent property-tax increase that equals roughly \$11 million worth of new revenue.

This makes it harder for the mayor to dismiss accusations the money is being used to balance the books, or that a "shell game" is being played, which results in long-term spending on road renewal to fall flat compared to what the program initially projected.

It does, however, add more legitimacy to the arguments of his council opponents who, this year, are joined by Chris Lorenc, president of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. Lorenc has been a supporter of Bowman's previous budgets but criticizes the current one as "disturbing," questioning changes to future forecasts on roads spending.

But even before budget season started, the mayor took quite the public lashing over the introduction of impact fees.

Dozens of developers and business leaders took turns barraging the process that Bowman continues to champion as open and transparent, even in the face of an impending legal challenge.

Bowman, to his credit, took the criticism in stride, saying he knew the policy would be a divisive one.

Still, with the '17 budget featuring a \$23-million drop in cash to capital — the amount of money transferred from the operating to capital budget — some, such as Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce president Loren Remillard, question if this reduction isn't paving the way for impact fee revenue to backfill future budgets.

This is, of course, something Bowman has repeatedly said isn't true, but he looks to have some convincing left to do.



Two years into Winnipeg's top job and Mayor Brian Bowman has taken quite the public lashing from voters, developers, business leaders and other members of council. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

Bowman's leadership over the rest of his term is also poised to enter a new phase of scrutiny from the likes of former inner-circle member Coun. Janice Lukes.

The first-time councillor and longtime advocate exudes an energy and outspokenness that makes her well-suited to

be a tireless opposition councillor, if she chooses to be.

Then there's reopening Portage and Main.

The mayor's 2014 campaign promise features a not-yet-public price tag and impact to traffic that is of growing curiosity to residents. You can add mounting confusion over pro-

ject timelines to that pile, too.

But regardless of whether pedestrians will be able to cross Portage and Main after the next two years or before, they will have to go to the polls in 2018. That means Bowman has two years to keep his plans on course, and that's one timeline he can't argue with.

Estimate for reopening prep called 'inaccurate'

There appears to be confusion at Winnipeg City Hall over how much planning needs to be done before the barricades at Portage and Main can be torn down.

On Wednesday, Mayor Brian Bowman rejected the public-works director's recent comments on the project, calling them "inaccurate."

Lester Deane suggested to reporters it would take two years of planning before work could get underway to reopen the historic intersection to pedestrians.

Bowman said that estimate came as a surprise.

"His statements were inaccurate," he said. "The timelines that are being contemplated vary, and it really is going to be dependent upon how the discussions continue to go with the property owners, but it could happen sooner, it could happen later."

Bowman added it is the city's chief administrative officer, Doug McNeil — not Deane — who is in charge of negotiating with the different building owners and making a recommendation to council on what the next steps should be.

McNeil wouldn't say Deane's estimation was incorrect but also wouldn't provide any indications as to when the barriers could fall or how long the technical planning process could take.

He confirmed, however, it was the public-works department that undertook a traffic study with Dillon Consulting to examine the impact of reopening the intersection to pedestrians.

Residents can expect some of this confusion to be cleared up in the coming months, as McNeil said a report will be presented to council that includes information about cost estimates and updates on the ongoing discussions with property owners.

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Province trims civil service

DEFICIT

Managers first to go in effort to 'restore the balance'

Some managers in Manitoba's civil service are being laid off this week as part of the Progressive Conservative government's goal to curb spending and cut the deficit.

Managers in the ministries of education and growth, enterprise and trade are among the first to be affected by a plan announced last month to trim 112 management jobs from the civil service while preserving front-line positions.

Premier Brian Pallister said some managers are retiring while others are being let go, but he did not have a detailed breakdown.

"We want to restore the balance. The top is very, very big in our government compared to other jurisdictions and we need to make sure that we ... set a tone at the top," Pallister said Wednesday.

"That effort will continue across government. That'll continue in other sectors as well, including Crowns."

Crown corporations such as Manitoba Hydro, which is dealing with expensive new generating stations and transmission lines, are also looking at job cuts.

The Opposition New Democrats said they are worried the management cuts will affect front-line services.

"These are the types of positions where people look after



Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister, seen here speaking to media at the Manitoba Legislature in Winnipeg on May 16, says he intends to bring in legislation next spring to control public-sector wage growth, but also refuses to release any details until he consults labour leaders. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

special education, aboriginal education. It's the people who manage the busing," NDP education critic Wab Kinew said.

"These reductions could impact those services, so we need clarity and we'd like to see a list of who's been let go."

The layoffs coming a few weeks before Christmas is also

concerning, Kinew said.

The cuts are the latest moves Pallister's government has made after winning the April provincial election and inheriting a \$846-million deficit. Pallister has promised to balance the budget within eight years by controlling spending growth rather than imposing deep cuts.

He announced last week he plans to introduce legislation in the spring to control public-sector wages and has opened the door to opening existing collective agreements, some of which contain raises through to the end of 2018.

Pallister hinted Wednesday he may freeze politicians' pay,

which is currently being examined by independent commissioner Michael Werier.

"I've made it also very clear that I want to set a proper tone at the top and Mr. Werier is aware of that, so we'll see what his recommendations are and we'll deal with it at that point in time."

Pallister said he took a five per cent pay cut in the 1990s when the government cut spending and workers were given unpaid days off.

"Past behaviour is the best indicator of future behaviour," he said when asked whether he will take a pay cut again.

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Ryder Robinson, pictured here with his mother Christine Guyader, was diagnosed with leukemia at eight months old. CONTRIBUTED

Holiday blood donations needed

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Organization issues call for recruits to help kids like Ryder



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

At four-and-a-half years old, Ryder Robinson has likely endured more needle pricks than most will encounter in a lifetime.

The Balmoral, Man.-based boy was diagnosed with leukemia at eight months old and has undergone more than 100 blood transfusions and a bone marrow transplant, his mom Christine Guyader said.

These days, he's relatively healthy and scheduled for the occasional check-in with Cancer-Care Manitoba.

Ryder's mom described him as "super outgoing and funny... just a normal little four-year-old boy who loves hockey."

But without blood donations from strangers, she said he wouldn't have survived.

"I don't know that people totally understand how much they can be helping someone. Until you've gone through some-

thing or seen someone in chemotherapy or seen someone who's been in a car accident, to just know how dire it is for people to donate," Guyader said. "It takes an hour of your day to go and do it and it can drastically change (someone's life). If there wasn't blood products, Ryder wouldn't be alive."

Though most everyone's calendars are soon to be chock-full, Canadian Blood Services is hoping Manitobans make time to donate blood in December—traditionally one of the hardest months of the year to recruit new donors.

"Typically we find that in December the need for blood does go up because a lot of our regular donors are busy with family events or holidays, while we are still open," said Patricia Bal, Manitoba's territory manager for Canadian Blood Services.

"We need to collect just over 5,000 units for the month of December and right now we still have just over 4,000 open appointments."

The push to secure first-time donors is great after iron eligibility requirements recently changed, meaning women need to wait 12 weeks between donations rather than the previous eight, Bal said.

Canadian Blood Services has streamlined the sign-up process



Ryder's mother, Christine Guyader, describes him as "just a normal little four-year-old boy who loves hockey." CONTRIBUTED

with a new GiveBlood app where you can find the nearest clinics, book appointments and be sent reminders to donate. The same info is available at blood.ca.

"It's super selfless and you don't know who you're helping," said Guyader, who's become a regular donor since her son's health scare. "If (Ryder) can be eight months old and get five million pokes to have cancer treatments, then you can get one to help someone."

“It takes an hour of your day to go and do it and it can drastically change (someone's life). Christine Guyader

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Zine issue to focus on 'Trump Resistance'

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Profits to be donated to Planned Parenthood



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro|Winnipeg

A Winnipeg-based art and literary collective is casting a global net for submissions about political turmoil, in light of the shocking American election results.

The proceeds from the next rip/torn zine will "represent Trump resistance" and be donated to Planned Parenthood, said Natasha Havrilenko, co-founder of rip/torn collective.

Havrilenko was in Minneapolis the weekend before the U.S. election and said she was shocked by the anti-Hillary Clinton sentiments she saw.

"My jaw dropped when I overheard a mother tell her young son that she would rather blow her own brains out than have a female president. It wasn't even that it was Hillary Clinton she



Members of a Winnipeg art and literary collective put together an issue of rip/torn zine.

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didn't want in, it was the fact it was a female," Havrilenko said in an email. "The shock has materialized to worry and bouts of disgust, especially with how individuals reacted upon hearing Trump won."

Havrilenko teamed up with Gabrielle Funk in 2013 to create

magazines, zines and events encouraging emotional vulnerability. So rather than venting their frustrations about the election outcome online, the pair decided to make an apt contribution to the political discourse.

"I know people find it very easy to just respond over social

media or text about it. It seems like no one's having any trouble talking about it," said Funk by phone. "For me, the idea (was) creating a platform to constructively talk about it, creatively talk about it and not allow it to just become this normalized thing that has happened."

The collective encourages any kind of creative submissions fit to print — from writing to artwork, photography, poetry and more. They accept submissions via email at riptorncollective@gmail.com and information on where to buy the zines can be found at riptorncollective.com.



This issue shouldn't fade because it isn't topical. It is just beginning.

Gabrielle Funk

Past issues have included submissions from Australia, the U.K., the U.S., Thailand and all over Canada, said Funk. The January issue will be a nod to their friends and family south of the border.

"The level of devastation from some of the people that I know and love who live there, it's intense. There's a lot of fear and confusion and grief about it, which also adds to our motivation," Funk said.

"The election hashtags and posts on social media are dying down and press coverage is shifting. However, Trump's impact is far from over," said Havrilenko. "This printed, tangible zine will serve as a reminder of what has and will happen, that this issue shouldn't fade because it isn't topical. It is just beginning."

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Pipeline voices

A day after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced cabinet approval of the Trans Mountain pipeline, we talk to Albertans on the ground about the decision.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the approval this week of two major oil pipeline expansions, insisting all the while that the new fossil fuel infrastructure fits within his Liberal government's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Environmental advocates immediately called the approvals a betrayal, but a series of government climate policy moves this year suggest Canada's emissions should come down - although whether it will be enough to meet the country's 2030 climate commitment is another matter.

Trudeau sits down next week with provincial and territorial premiers to complete a pan-Canadian climate strategy that's supposed to put the country on a downward emissions trajectory to its 2030 Paris emissions target. The government has promised the United Nations that Canada will cut emissions 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

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Stan Gervais, oilpatch worker



Mike Hudema, Greenpeace Canada spokesperson

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Joseph Jobin, Chief Operating Officer, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

It is noteworthy that Premier Notley had nothing to say about First Nations approval or inclusion in the process ... We're willing to work to ensure success for Alberta, but there's still lots of hard work and consultation needed.

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COURTS

Judge Camp should go, committee says

A Canadian Judicial Council committee says a judge's apology for asking a sexual assault complainant why she couldn't keep her knees together doesn't offset the damage done and Robin Camp should lose his job.

"We conclude that Justice Camp's conduct is so manifestly and profoundly destructive of the concept of the impartiality, integrity and independence of the judicial role that public confidence is sufficiently undermined to render the judge incapable of executing the judicial office," the five-member panel wrote in a unanimous decision released Wednesday.

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Canadian firms are proving more diverse



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's major corporations have a few more women and a bit more diversity around their boardroom tables — but they are still a long way from reflecting the make-up of the country.

The Canadian Board Diversity Council released its annual survey this week showing that women now make up 21.6 per cent of the directors on the boards of 500 major Canadian companies. That's up slightly from 19.5 per cent last year and up significantly from the 10.9 per cent in 2009, when the survey first began.

About 4.5 per cent of board directors said they were a mem-

ber of a visible minority, 1.8 per cent identified as a person with disabilities, 0.6 identified as Indigenous, and 2.1 per cent said they were a member of the LGBTQ community.

Sean Hemraj, vice-president of business development and marketing for the Women's Executive Network, said the numbers are an improvement but there is a lot of work to do.

He said diversity is not just about better representation, but about better business.

"It offers a different perspective that helps organizations recognize, adapt and innovate based on what is happening in the real world," he said.

Retail companies had the most gender diversity, but mining and oil/gas firms were much lower.

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Shooting justified: Police

TERRORISM

Probe backs use of lethal force in Aaron Driver's death

A police investigation has found RCMP were justified in fatally shooting a terrorist sympathizer during a confrontation in southwestern Ontario earlier this year.

Aaron Driver died in an encounter with RCMP in Strathroy, Ont., in August, after making a martyrdom video that suggested he was planning to detonate a homemade bomb in a Canadian urban centre during morning or afternoon rush hour.

The Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch and the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service conducted an investigation into the shooting of Driver to determine if the use of force in the incident was legally justified.

Strathroy-Caradoc police said Wednesday that the investigation concluded the use of lethal



Aaron Driver, seen leaving the Law Courts in Winnipeg, was picked up by police in Winnipeg in June 2015. He was released under a raft of conditions in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

force was justified.

An independent review of the investigation by Crown prosecutors upheld the probe's conclusion, the force said.

Canadian authorities were tipped off about Driver's activ-

ities by the FBI and confronted him hours later.

The FBI tip included a video of a masked Driver railing against western "enemies of Islam" and warning that the only solution would be the

"spilling of your blood."

In announcing the result of their investigation Wednesday, Strathroy-Caradoc police recounted details of the encounter with Driver that ended with his death.

The 24-year-old Driver had come out of a residence with a backpack and got into the rear seat of a waiting cab when RCMP officers blocked the vehicle from leaving the area, Strathroy-Caradoc police said.

RCMP directed the taxi driver and Driver to exit the vehicle, the force said, but as an officer approached the cab, Driver detonated an improvised explosive device.

"Mr. Driver exited the vehicle and failed to comply with the police and their directions. Fearing for their safety, and believing that Mr. Driver would detonate a second device the RCMP shot Mr. Driver fatally wounding him," Strathroy-Caradoc police said.

At the time, Driver had been under a court order not to associate with any terrorist organizations or to use a computer or cellphone. But he wasn't under continuous surveillance despite concern he might participate or contribute to the activity of a terrorist group.

He had moved to Strathroy earlier this year to live with his sister.

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ACCIDENT

Man dies on set of Cirque

Officials say a technician with the Cirque du Soleil "Luzia" show who died after being hit in the head by an aerial lift Tuesday is the son of one of the founders of the show.

In a statement from Cirque du Soleil, officials confirmed that 42-year-old Olivier Rochette of Quebec died Tuesday night in San Francisco.

According to the statement, his immediate family, including his father Gilles Ste-Croix, one of the founders of Cirque du Soleil, has been informed of the accident. "I am heartbroken. I wish to extend in my name and in the name of all Cirque du Soleil employees my sincerest sympathies and offer my full support to Gilles and his family. Olivier has always been a member of our tight family and a truly beloved colleague," said CEO Daniel Lamarre.

Julia Bernstein of the state's workplace safety regulator, Cal/OSHA, said Wednesday that the employee was struck in the head by an aerial device.

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NEWFOUNDLAND

Christmas too early, says town

The municipal council in a small Newfoundland town has declared that Christmas has come too early for many retailers, and they've decided to do something about it.

Local politicians in Gander have unanimously adopted a motion asking merchants

to refrain from Christmas advertising until after Remembrance Day.

Since the council doesn't have the jurisdiction to restrain the seasonal impulses of businesses, the council has decided to write to Premier Dwight Ball and Prime Minister Justin Tru-

deau requesting their support for the measure.

Bill Maxwell, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Legion in Ottawa, said issues surrounding the commemoration of Remembrance Day are sensitive and complex.

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Children hold a photograph of former Cuban President Fidel Castro as they wait for the caravan transporting his remains to pass on its journey to Santiago de Cuba. GETTY IMAGES

Cubans line up to bid leader farewell

MOURNING Fidel Castro makes his final journey through nation

To waving flags and some shouts of "Long may he live!" Fidel Castro's ashes began a four-day journey across the island Wednesday, retracing the path of his triumphant march into Havana nearly six decades ago.

A small, Cuban-flag covered cedar coffin containing the remains of the 90-year-old leader was taken out of Cuba's Defence Ministry just after 7 a.m. and placed into a flower-bedecked trailer pulled by a green military jeep for the more than 500-mile (800-kilometre) procession to his final resting place in the eastern city of Santiago. The ashes will be interred Sunday, ending the nine-day mourning period for the man who ruled the country for nearly 50 years.

The route traces in reverse

the victory tour Castro and his bearded rebels took after overthrowing the forces of strongman Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

Outside Havana, the caravan will pass through rural communities significantly changed by social and economic reforms he adopted. Many residents now have access to health care and education. But many of those towns are also in a prolonged economic collapse, the country's once-dominant sugar industry decimated, the sugar mills and plantations gone.

Thousands of Cubans lined the streets of Havana, some sleeping on sidewalks overnight, to bid goodbye to Castro. Many had attended a massive rally Tuesday night at Havana's Revolution Plaza, where the presidents of Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela and South Africa, along with leaders of a host of smaller nations, offered speeches paying tribute to Castro, who died Friday night.

The crowds at the rally and along Wednesday's procession route were a mix of people at-

tending on their own and groups of Cubans organized by government workplaces, where attendance was not strictly obligatory but with strong pressure to attend. Some groups of government workers slept on the streets because all public transport had been commandeered to move people to Castro-related activities.

Along the city's historic Malecon, the funeral procession passed to near-total silence among the crowd. Peering from the sidewalk, rooftops and balconies overlooking the sea, people took cellphone video and photos as keepsakes.

Tuesday's rally began with black-and-white revolution-era footage of Castro and other guerrillas on a big screen and the playing of the Cuban national anthem. Castro's younger brother and successor, Raul, closed the rally with a speech thanking world leaders for their words of praise for his brother, whom he called the leader of a revolution "for the humble, and by the humble." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thief snags gold in broad daylight



Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

He walks pretty quickly for someone carrying 86 pounds — perhaps because the content of the bucket is worth \$1.6 million.

New York police released surveillance video from Sept. 29, showing a man milling about an armoured truck in Midtown Manhattan before grabbing a bucket off the back of

the vehicle and scurrying away. All the while, two men are sitting in the truck's cab, unaware they just got robbed. Police say they don't believe the man knew the contents of the bucket, but that he probably knew there was a chance it had value.

"I think he just saw an opportunity, took the pail and walked off," NYPD Det. Martin Pastor told WNBC-TV. Police are searching for the suspect, who they believe is now in Florida.

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Tump leaves businesses

POLITICS

President-elect walks away from empire to focus on presidency

President-elect Donald Trump declared Wednesday he will leave his business empire behind to focus on his presidency. But the prospect that he could simply shift more control to three of his adult children looked too cozy to some business-ethics specialists who suggest the arrangement could bring unprecedented conflicts of interest into the Oval Office. Trump announced in a ser-

ies of early morning tweets that he would leave his "great business," adding: "While I am not mandated to do this under the law, I feel it is visually important, as president, to in no way have a conflict of interest with my various businesses." Trump provided no details, though he said legal documents were being prepared. He previously had said he'd leave his business operations to his three eldest children - Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka.

Asked if the tweets indicated plans to move the businesses to the children, Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said Wednesday, "it appears that way."

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CARLSEN REMAINS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHESSBOARD

Magnus Carlsen of Norway defeated Sergey Karjakin of Russia in the World Chess Championship in New York City on Wednesday. Carlsen retained his title Wednesday

night by winning the best-of-four speed games. Around 6 million people followed the series, with the grand prize of \$1.1 million divided between the players. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Foreign ownership of condos dropping

HOUSING

Agency's boss warns against 'us versus them' mentality

The president of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. is warning against an "us versus them" mentality in Vancouver, where he says foreign buyers are not the major factor driving unaffordability.

Evan Siddall delivered a pointed speech on Wednesday to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, where he said housing should not become a wedge that divides newcomers from long-time residents.

"When a white person buys a house, we don't notice. When somebody of a different colour does, we do. That's not good economics," he said.

Vancouver's skyrocketing housing prices have increas-



Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation President and CEO Evan Siddall, addresses the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, in Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ingly been blamed on foreign capital flowing from China. The British Columbia government introduced a 15-per-cent tax on foreign buyers in July in response to those concerns.

Asked by reporters whether he believed racism was playing

a role in the housing debate, Siddall said he wouldn't use such a "strong term," but the contrast between "us and them" was a factor.

Siddall said in his speech Vancouver's market was already starting to slow down before

the foreign-buyers tax was introduced. While offshore buyers are one factor contributing to unaffordability, he said, they are not the only factor. The most important factors over the long term are economic: rising disposable incomes, increased inflows of people and lower mortgage rates, he said.

A report released Wednesday by the CMHC showed foreign ownership of condominiums in Canada's largest cities has slowed down since last year.

Foreign ownership was the highest in Vancouver and Toronto at 2.2 per cent and 2.3 per cent, respectively. However, that was down from 3.5 per cent in Vancouver and 3.3 per cent in Toronto in 2015, according to the report.

The report said the relatively higher shares in Vancouver and Toronto in 2015 were due to an unusually high proportion of foreign ownership in newly constructed condominiums.

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ENERGY

Oil cartel agrees to cut crude output

Breaking with years of inaction, OPEC agreed Wednesday to cut its oil output for the first time since 2008. The move effectively scraps its strategy of squeezing U.S. competition through high supply that had backfired by lowering prices and draining the cartel's own economies.

The reduction of 1.2 million barrels a day is significant, leaving OPEC's daily output at 32.5 million barrels. And OPEC President Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada said non-OPEC nations are expected to pare an additional 600,000 bar-

rels a day off their production. The combined cut will result, at least in the short term, in somewhat more pricey oil — and, by extension, car fuel, heating and electricity.

In the longer term, however, analysts say it's highly unlikely that oil will return to the highs of around \$100 US a barrel last seen two years ago. That's partly due to the fact that President-elect Donald Trump has promised to free up more oil drilling in the U.S., which would increase global supply.

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CANADIAN RAILWAYS

CP Rail, CN Rail positive about a Trump presidency

Canada's two largest railways told a transportation conference they're not worried about a Donald Trump presidency. CP Rail president Keith Creel said Trump's attention in threatening changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement is

targeted mainly at Mexico. And Trump's \$1-trillion US infrastructure program would increase demand for Canadian raw materials. Ghislain Houle, chief financial officer of CN Rail, was similarly positive but was concerned quotas on softwood lumber exports would hurt the railway.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE APPROVED PIPELINES



Trudeau's announcement is unlikely to win him supporters within the ranks of those who most support the pipeline agenda. They tend to be spoken for by the Conservative party.

It is a rare government decision that involves a lot of predictable political pain for little obvious electoral gain. For better or for worse, the approval by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of the controversial Trans Mountain pipeline falls in that category.

It is unlikely to win him supporters within the ranks of those who most support the pipeline agenda. They tend to be spoken for by the Conservative party and, for the most part, have no appetite for Trudeau's proactive climate change agenda.

On the other hand, at least some of the seats of the 17 Liberal MPs elected in B.C. in the last election could be on the line. The approval of this pipeline plan will not sit well with many of the constituents. Even if he wanted to, Trudeau could not get all his caucus members to sing the same song on this issue. A handful of them have already broken ranks with his decision.

The Liberals are not the only ones potentially at risk on what is probably Canada's most contentious front these days.

Take British Columbia Premier Christy Clark. She will be campaigning for re-election in the spring. If she supports Trudeau's move, it will be her provincial Liberals who will first test the post-announcement waters.

There is no way Trudeau could have killed two pipelines to the Pacific coast and then backed the no less controversial Energy East project.

She could be in for a choppy crossing.

There is a widespread expectation on Parliament Hill that Clark will at some point publicly sign off on the Trans Mountain project.

wants to see how it all plays out before taking a definitive stance.

Then there is the NDP. While Alberta Premier Rachel Notley was celebrating a big win alongside Tru-

ada's climate change commitments.

But if she fails to win re-election the quid pro quo is unlikely to survive her NDP government, leaving Trudeau with little to show on climate change for having delivered a pipeline from tidewater to Alberta.

Had the prime minister vetoed the Kinder Morgan project, he might as well have declared a moratorium on any plan to bring more of Alberta's bitumen oil to the Canadian coasts.

There is no way Trudeau could have killed two pipelines to the Pacific coast (Northern Gateway and Trans Mountain) and then backed the no less controversial Energy East project. (Punting the decision on the Vancouver area pipeline would most likely only have hardened opposition to the plan.)

That being said, it might be prudent for TransCanada — the company behind the plan to link the oilfields to the Atlantic Coast through the Prairies and Central Canada — to not take this week's federal yes to Kinder Morgan as a sign that its pipeline will be good to go any time soon, if at all.

A betting person might reasonably wager that Trudeau will not want to open another front in the pipeline wars between now and the 2019 election. And that probably makes Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, who could be facing an uphill re-election battle in less than two years, a collateral winner of this week's developments.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.



PIPELINE PALS Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley speak on Parliament Hill, Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal government has been playing nice with its B.C. counterpart, delivering a much wanted green light for a major liquefied gas development and promising billions of federal dollars to improve marine safety.

But Clark would not be the political survivor that she is if she did not have a well-honed instinct for self-preservation. B.C. elections are won or lost in the greater Vancouver area, the site of the pipeline whose capacity to carry bitumen oil to the coast Kinder Morgan plans to expand.

On Wednesday, she said Trudeau was close to meeting all of her conditions for supporting the pipeline. She invited the prime minister to come to B.C. to sell the decision. By all indications, she

deau on Tuesday, Thomas Mulcair was calling the federal decision a betrayal of the trust many B.C. voters placed in the prime minister. The provincial New Democrats are also critical of the federal decision.

The cracks between the ruling NDP in Edmonton and their opposition cousins in Parliament and in Victoria are becoming too wide to be papered over. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will be hard-pressed to square the pipeline circle.

In any event, as of now Trudeau and Notley are joined at the hip. On Tuesday, the prime minister argued it was the premier's determination to rein in Alberta's carbon emissions that made his approval of a pipeline consistent with Can-

VICKY MOCHAMA

Gilmores' girl-on-girl banter sounds suspiciously like life

When *Gilmore Girls* premiered 16 years ago, it was unique — a female-centric show that stayed focused on women — but the data shows that with its return to Netflix, it is still an anomaly.

Gilmore Girls can do no wrong. In my heart, it already has five stars (I rate on a four star system.) It would be like Netflix putting out a show called *Your Mom*, featuring only video clips of my mother. Even when she's not perfect, she's perfect to me.

So instead of quality or plot, I'm watching for validation.

This isn't to set the bar low for the revival. With a cast including Melissa McCarthy, Kelly Bishop, and Edward Herrmann there were many Emmy-worthy episodes in the original run. Exhibit A: In a Season 1 episode, Rory (Alexis Bledel) returns home in the early morning after a date. On finding out, Lauren Graham's Lorelai veers from panicking to castigating her mother to fighting with her daughter. Within a five-minute span, she hits every single note perfectly.

Notably, that scene like countless others in the *Gilmore Girls*' canon, is focused on women's relationships with each other. This was a show entirely about women's lives apart from men. (Occasionally, the plot centres on a man but, despite our best efforts, that happens in women's lives too.)

In writing women's lives, film and television consistently fail. Take the Disney princess films. You'd think that women clearly dominate the dialogue in movies about

them. Turns out that even in fictional cartoon worlds, men routinely talk over women.

Researchers found that in the original three princess films — *Snow White*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Cinderella* — female characters speak as much or more than male characters but that in the films of the 1990s, male voices dominate the dialogue: they speak 76 per cent of the time in *Pocahontas*, 68 per cent in *The Little Mermaid*, and 71 per cent in *Beauty and the Beast*. In the newer films like *Tangled*, *Brave* and *Frozen*, males still get the majority of talk time.

An exhaustive study from Polygraph confirmed the trend. Looking at screenplays for 2000 films, the team found that men over-indexed in speaking roles across every genre of film and age of actor. Even romantic comedy had men speaking 58 per cent of the lines. Polygraph also found that women actors over 42 experienced a sudden drop in assigned dialogue and that by age 65, they were virtually mute. Conversely, as men aged, they were given more speaking roles.

From a bird's-eye view, then, it's easy to see why the revival has caught the attention of so many women. We're starving to hear women's voices, even if they're the same ones we've heard before.

So not only is it great to hear the *Gilmore* women talk again but in the dim landscape of television and film, it's nice to hear any women talk at all.

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A guide to spotting fake news

SOCIAL MEDIA

Librarians give tools to catch manipulative stories online



May Warren
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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is Fidel Castro's long-lost illegitimate son.

It's the latest example of a totally made-up, 100 per cent false news story, one that was circulating on Facebook after the Cuban leader's recent death.

To help weed out such bogus news, which proliferated during the U.S. election and generated big ad dollars for creators, librarians at the University of Toronto have developed a handy cheat sheet.

Student engagement librarian Heather Buchansky said it's about giving readers the tools to spot fake stories and the guide is a "reminder to be more critical" as more and more people turn to sites like Facebook for information.

"It's quite easy to fall prey when you look at a website and you're thinking ok, well if it's online it must be true," she said.

Gavin Adamson, a journalism professor at Ryerson University, urges people to click around a bit before sharing articles on social media. When news sources don't have a lot of other content it's a clue that stories may be fake.

"These websites don't stand up to a lot of due diligence. If you just take a moment after recognizing you're probably being manipulated it's very easy to tear these things down," he said.

For Jeffrey Dvorkin, lecturer



University of Toronto librarians Eveline Houtman and Heather Buchansky have developed a guide to help students spot fake news. GEOFFREY VENDEVILLE/ COURTESY OF UOFT NEWS



A tweet by @TrumpaholicMAGA claimed "they sure look alike," and the user shared this image of Trudeau and Castro. Fake news stories easily gain momentum online. ILLUSTRATION BY METRO; PHOTO VIA @TRUMPAHOLICMAGA

and director of the journalism program at the University of Toronto Scarborough, fake news is not a new problem, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be taken seriously.

"The problem with the digital culture is that it is really the Wild West of information," he said.

"We shouldn't freak out

and figure the sky is falling, although the clouds are a bit lower than they use to be."

Given the "tsunami" of content available online, people are driven towards sources where they feel more comfortable that often just confirm their own biases, he said.

Both Google and Facebook have been under fire for al-

lowing fake news, and recently announced they will take measures to curb sham stories.

Closer to home, Buchansky said they've had a good response to the guide, posted Friday, and shared by librarians on social media.

"It hasn't spread as far as fake news itself," she said.

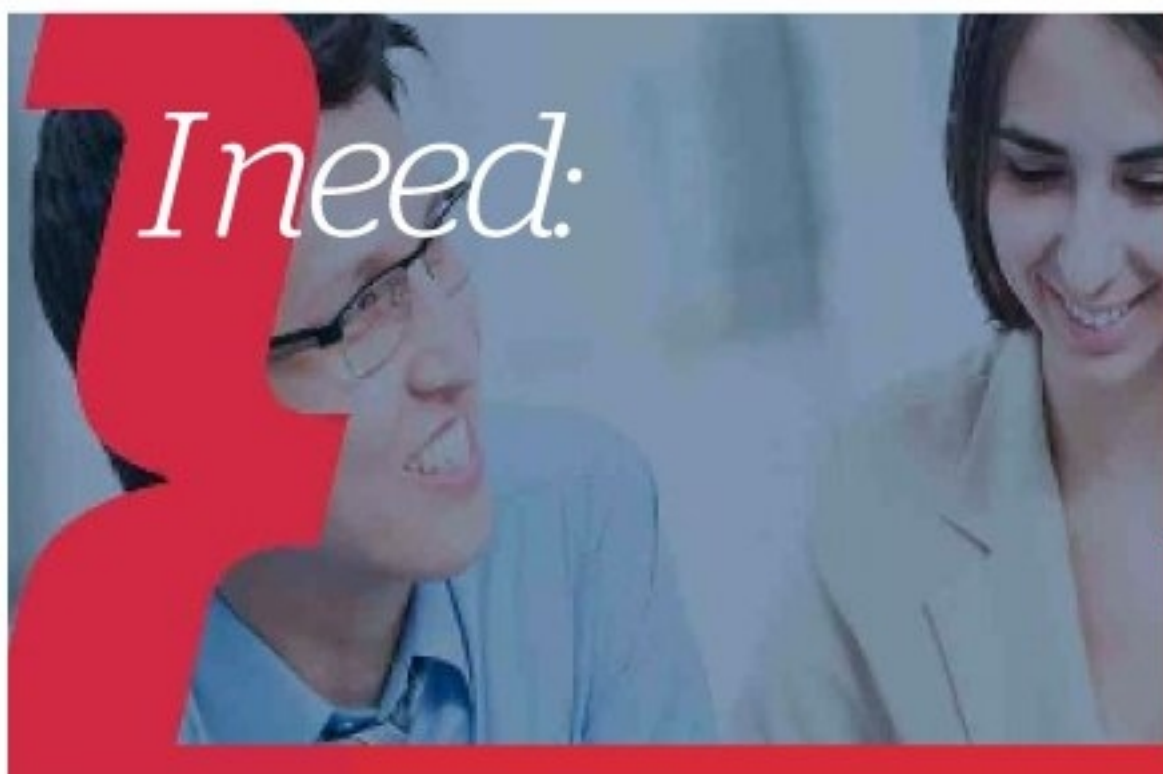
"But it's been positive."

CHEAT SHEET

Top ways to spot lies on the internet

With so much content out there it can be easy to be duped. Here's how to avoid accidentally spamming your friends:

- 1 Look at the domain name. When sites end in unusual ways, such as ".com.co," it's a clue they may be fake.
- 2 Check out the source a little more carefully. If you've never heard of a website look at the "About Us" section for more info, or explore it more to see how much other content there is.
- 3 Google the headline to see how other news sources are reporting the story. Are there any other accounts? How have other outlets reported it?
- 4 The use of ALL CAPS, and very poor web design are clues you're not looking at a reliable source.
- 5 Does the article make you incredibly angry or outraged? Good journalism can also evoke emotion but if something is trying to make you mad on purpose to share the story and get ad revenue, it's a red flag.
- 6 There are a few handy websites that can help verify stories and sources, such as: FactCheck.org, PolitiFact, and Snopes.



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An old soul with an eye on the future



Surendra describes his book, *The Elephants in My Backyard*, as "the Eat, Pray, Love for the millennial generation." CONTRIBUTED

MEMOIR

Rajiv Surendra on heartbreak, big dreams and trying to swim

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When Rajiv Surendra was only 12 years old — well before he was cast as the rapping mathlete Kevin Gnapoor in Tina Fey's cult comedy *Mean Girls* starring Lindsay Lohan — he took up calligraphy while working as a costumed interpreter at Toronto's Black Creek Pioneer Village.

It's an unusual hobby for a young boy, but Surendra has always been something of an old soul.

"I think there's something so important about looking at the past to understand the future," Surendra says. "I feel such a connection with a slower, quieter time."

The key to creating his smooth pen or chalk strokes, Surendra explains, is that it takes not just a steady hand, but use of his full arm, right from his shoulder.

It took years to perfect the

craft, which he has now turned into a career; his patience and persistence holding up Malcolm Gladwell's theory that you need 10,000 hours of practice to master a skill.

Surendra's obsessive nature and unwillingness to settle also led him on the biggest journey of his life, trying to snag the lead role in the film adaptation of Yann Martel's novel *The Life of Pi*. His failed quest is at the heart of his memoir, *The Elephants in My Backyard*, which he refers to as "the Eat, Pray, Love for the millennial generation."

It was a camera operator on the *Mean Girls* set who suggested Surendra read *Life of Pi*, saying, "It's a book about you."

Surendra tore through the novel and discovered eerie similarities with Martel's protagonist. Although he had obviously never survived on an ocean raft with a menagerie of wild beasts like Pi, both were young, thin Tamil men who grew up with animals, and studied at the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College. And so when news broke that a film in the works, Surendra wanted the lead more than anything in his life. He was Pi.

Surendra travelled to India for several months to immerse himself in the culture. He dove off a cliff



I feel such a connection with a slower, quieter time.

Rajiv Surendra

and stared a tiger in the eye, but that was not half as frightening as getting in the water. "On the horrible, horrible days when I

was so scared in the water and I was hyperventilating and my muscles were seizing, I would tell myself that even if you don't get this part, all the work and struggling will be worth it because you will know how to swim," he says.

Meanwhile, the film was also struggling, with revolving directors attached to the project. When director Ang Lee eventually cast unknown Indian actor Suraj Sharma in the part, Surendra was devastated, and took off for Munich for a year to mourn. "After six years of research and dreaming, Pi was a real person to me — it was like he died," he says.

Eventually Surendra came back to Toronto, and picked up his calligraphy pen again.

"The reason why I was motivated to write this story down is because I learned so much," he says.

"Hey, if I could embark on something like this, and fail and pick myself up and keep going, then the next big dream or journey won't be difficult."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

BOOK BRIEFS



Suspense novel up next for *Girl on the Train* author

The British author of *The Girl on the Train* will next tell a tale of murder in a riverside town.

Riverhead Books told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Paula Hawkins' *Into the Water* is a suspense novel about family secrets and "the slipperiness of truth" that will be published May 2. The plot centres on the discovery of the bodies of a mother and teenage girl at the bottom of a river and the investigation that follows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



It's about how your memories of childhood shape you and make you the person you are. Paula Hawkins

CALENDAR

A-Listers' natural beauty celebrated

Pirelli on Tuesday unveiled the 2017 edition of its famed calendar, which sees photographer Peter Lindbergh mature beyond snaps of seminude models and set his lens on Hollywood.

The calendar, entitled "Emotional" and launched in Paris, stars 14 Oscar-winning actresses featured in black-and-white close up, in clothed poses with invisible makeup.

It's a dramatic move away from decades of risqué shots that made the calendar, produced by the Italian tire manufacturer, one of the most recognizable in the world.

A-listers including Charlotte Rampling, Uma Thurman,

Helen Mirren, Nicole Kidman, Lea Seydoux, Alicia Vikander, Kate Winslet, Julianne Moore, Lupita Nyong'o, Rooney Mara, Zhang Ziyi and Jessica Chastain all agreed to go near-makeup-free for the grown-up shoots.

Speaking about his artistic choices, the German photographer said that he's "not so fond of high heels and bikinis" and wanted to capture the nakedness in the soul of the calendar's stars, not their bodies.

"In a time when women are represented in the media (as) perfection and truth, I thought it was important to remind people that there is a different beauty," Lindbergh said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nicole Kidman, left, and Uma Thurman. AP PHOTO/Francois Mori

I never let anything or anyone define me or my potential. I controlled my future.
Serena Williams



EQUITY WOMEN 'MUST CONTINUE TO DREAM BIG' Serena Williams has penned an open letter calling out what she sees as double standards faced by women in sports. The 22-time Grand Slam champion says people call her one of the "world's greatest female athletes," but notes that male athletes such as LeBron James and Tiger Woods aren't described by their gender. Williams says the equal pay issue frustrates her because women "have done the same work and made the same sacrifices as our male counterparts." She says women "must continue to dream big" to "empower the next generation of women to be just as bold in their pursuits." The letter was published in *Porter Magazine* and republished by British newspaper *The Guardian*. LUCA BRUNO/AP FILE

The chaotic history of The Stooges

BIOGRAPHY

Frontman Iggy Pop astounds writer with rich memory

Gilles LeBlanc
For Metro Canada

What began innocently as Iggy Pop reminiscing over items from his past with memorabilia collector Jeff Gold turned into the definitive oral history about one of the most influential rock bands ever.

Total Chaos: The Story of The Stooges/As Told by Iggy Pop, out this week via Third Man Books revisits in explicit, expletive detail how these Michigan misfits were unappreciated, commercial failures during their initial run from 1967-1974. Their legend as punk pioneers, however, grew exponentially in the three decades that followed.

The Stooges reunited in 2003 at the Coachella Music Festival, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and continued to experience an unexpected renaissance that has dovetailed into Iggy Pop enjoying his most successful year to date.

"We were completely unprepared for how much (Iggy) remembered," Gold said prior to a book launch event with Pop in New York City. The habitually shirtless vocalist has had a long-standing reputation for drug use. "I was astounded at the breadth of his recall," which put the collector-turned-author at times in a "bizarre situation of having to cut him off periodically. You knew this wasn't a guy making it up, that he actually did remember all of this."

Gold modestly sees himself not so much as a writer, but more of a wrangler. "I had this incredible interview. I had these incredible pictures. (Total Chaos) went from being interesting to being important history. I felt like I had an obligation to history to get this right." Well yee-haw to that!

As for Third Man Books, the imprint offshoot of Motor City-raised rocker Jack White, Gold said he already had a publisher for what would eventually come to be Total Chaos, but "was just absolutely blown away at how (Third Man) have reinvented



Total Chaos: The Story of The Stooges is available on Amazon or Thrdmanbooks.com. COURTESY THIRD MAN BOOKS

the record business" with everything they've got going on in Nashville and now Detroit's Cass Corridor. "It was just so natural" for them to be home to his Stooges book. Limited Editions from Third Man will not only have Iggy's John Hancock, but also a 7" vinyl record of him singing over I'm a Man, a song by his first band The Prime Movers. Way, way cool.

"People who are interested in Iggy and the Stooges, I think it's a natural," says the

biographer who's become a friend of the frontman.

He solicited the opinions of several A-list rockstars about the effect this uncharacteristic band has had on them. A definite highlight of Total Chaos is the amazing story Dave Grohl relates about how his life was profoundly changed by Pop in 1990; the Iggyster plucked him from pre-Nirvana obscurity to perform before a room of record executives at Toronto's Bovine Sex Club of all places.

NOBEL PRIZE

Obama honours 4 laureates

President Barack Obama welcomed four recipients of the Nobel Prize to the White House on Wednesday. Singer Bob Dylan wasn't among them.

Obama used the Oval Office meeting to send a reminder that America is unique in its ability to attract talent from all around the world to study at its universities.

Obama met with Duncan Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz, laureates of this year's Nobel Prize in Physics; Oliver Hart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences; and Sir J. Fraser Stoddart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Obama said their work would lead to new products and technology, some of which can't be anticipated yet, and would inspire future scholars and scientists.

Dylan was awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize for literature but won't be attending the prize ceremony. He may travel to Stockholm next year and might



President Barack Obama speaks to 2016 American Nobel Prize winners in the Oval Office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

give his Nobel Lecture then.

There was much speculation going into the day about whether Dylan would skip the White House meeting.

But White House spokesman Josh Earnest said during Wednesday's press briefing that "unfortunately, for those of you wondering, Bob Dylan will not be at the White House today,

so everybody can relax."

Earnest says Dylan didn't give a reason, but he noted that Dylan and the president had met previously and "the president enjoyed meeting him."

In 2012, Obama presented the singer-songwriter with a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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BOOK BRIEFS

'Bad sex knows no borders'

Acclaimed Italian novelist Erri De Luca has added a somewhat tarnished trophy to his list of accolades — the Bad Sex in Fiction Award.

De Luca won the tongue-in-cheek prize Wednesday for *The Day Before Happiness*, the story of a Neapolitan orphan growing up after World War II.

Judges said they were swayed by a description of two lovers "like ballet dancers hovering en pointe."

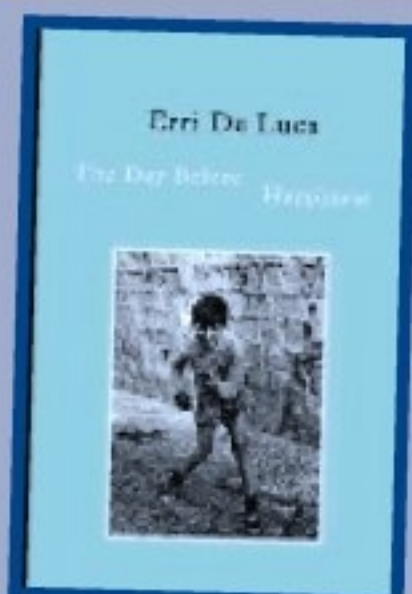
They said De Luca's victory "is a reminder that, even in the wake of Brexit, bad sex knows no borders."

A novelist, poet, essayist and translator, De Luca is the 24th winner of the Bad Sex prize, awarded by the *Literary Review* magazine to spotlight "poorly written, perfunctory or redundant" sex writing.

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Every day, thousands of thrill seekers around the globe strap themselves into amusement park rides and are taken on a multimedia adventure, whether coming face to face with a fire-breathing dragon, flying on a wizard's broomstick or perhaps soaring over the wonders of the world.

The technology that makes many these experiences possible can be traced back to a company headquartered in suburban Vancouver, little known outside the industry, that is quickly making a name for itself as a premier builder of some of the most popular and sophisticated rides on the planet.

Since 2011, Dynamic has leveraged its longtime expertise in steel fabrication and the precision-engineering of high-end telescopes to work alongside Disney, Universal Studios and other theme park owners to create everything from the Harry Potter rides to the popular flying theatres.

Kelven Tan, vice-president of business development in Asia, said what sets Dynamic Attractions apart is not only the technology but its expertise in immersive, media-based attractions, along with the focus it places on storytelling.

"The rides are only the means to an end," Tan said, speaking at the company's base in Port Coquitlam.

"Whether it's a tilt and drop, whether it's a spin cycle or a gyro table, it's just to create the effect," he added. "It has turned the science of rides into an art."

Dynamic's facilities are a hive of activity. The grounds include steel fabrication shops and several custom-built hangers, one of which houses a section of roller-coaster track that pivots up and down atop a five-storey triangular structure. It's called a tilt-and-drop and resembles a futuristic version of a medieval catapult.

Dynamic was established in



Guy Nelson, President of Dynamic Attractions, surveys a theme park in Port Coquitlam, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS/DARRYL DYCK

Vancouver in 1926, but by the late 20th century it had carved out a niche in high-precision engineering for products such as telescopes.

In the late 20th century, the company got a foothold in the amusement park market when a former collaborator who had gone on to work for Disney reached out for help troubleshooting one of its attractions.

Fast forward to today and the company has more than 50 rides operating around the world and many more in the works.

Dynamic is in the process of creating media-based attractions for the inaugural 20th Century Fox World in Malaysia, for Ferrari World in the United Arab Emirates and for an outer space-themed amusement park in Hangzhou, China.

Guy Nelson, Dynamic's president and CEO, bought the

company in 2007 and oversaw its transition to designing theme park attractions. The company's background with telescopes made the switch a logical one, he said.

"We have a skill set that's second to none in the area of moving large pieces of steel safely and to precision tolerances, like you would expect of a telescope on top of a mountain," Nelson said.

Nelson described one of his favourite rides as Soaring Over the Horizon at Shanghai Disneyland, which takes visitors on a scenic flight around the globe.

"People are coming off of that flying theatre ... screaming with delight, eight-to 80-year-olds, with memories that they'll have forever," he said.

"What we want to accomplish is absolutely the same thing, only more of it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

“People are coming off of that flying theatre ... screaming with delight, eight-to 80-year-olds, with memories that they'll have forever.” Guy Nelson, president and CEO

Time, practice the key to Pyramid pose

YOGA

Treat your body like a temple with this tricky position

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

The practice of yoga is based on the geometry of the human body and the natural world we inhabit. Our dramatic version of the classic Pyramid Pose was inspired by the asymmetrical crystalline structure that soars above the prayer hall at Toronto's Ismaili Centre.

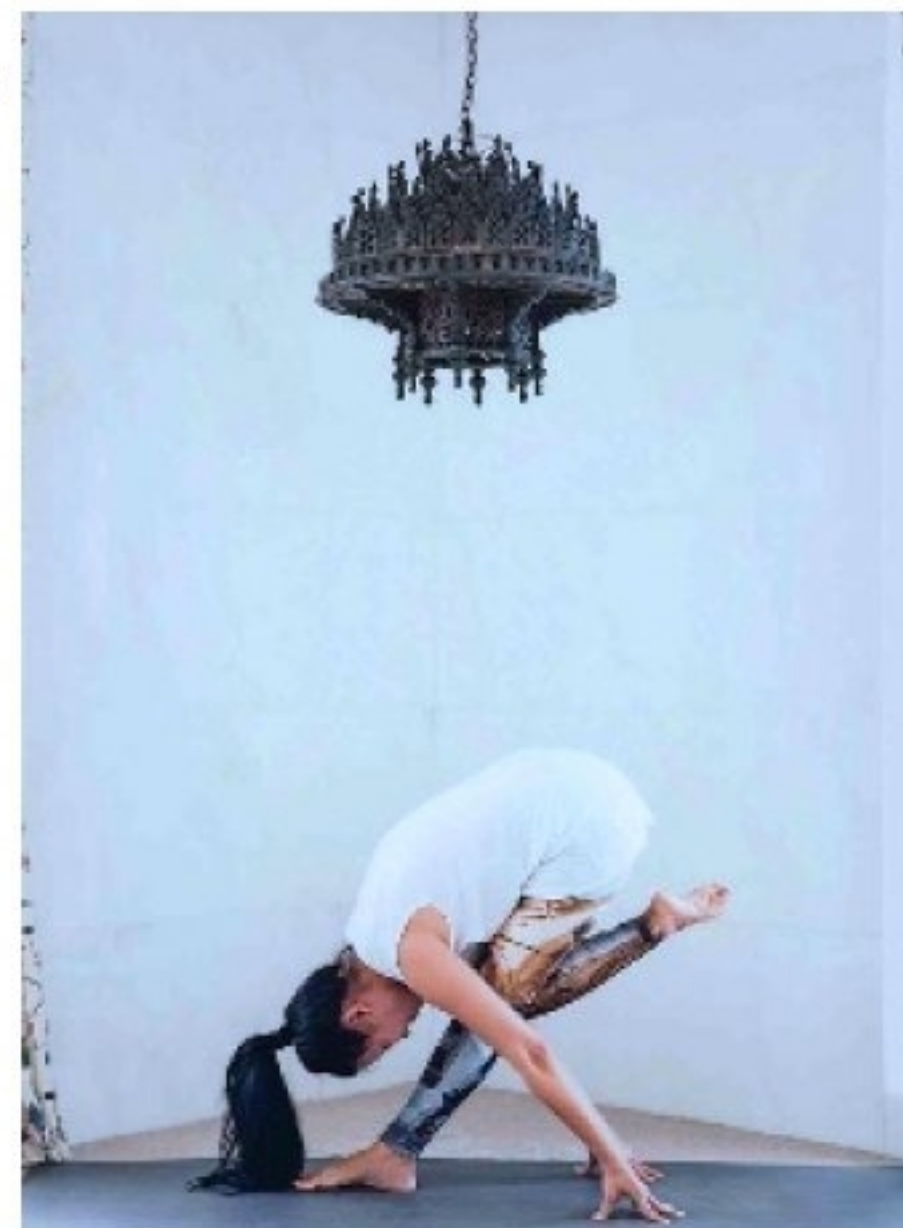
This pose requires lots of practice, so please be patient with yourself and consider each step along the way a celebration of your own sacred architecture.

1. From a standing position in the centre of your sticky mat, step your right foot forward, as if you are minding a large gap, and turn the left toes out 45 degrees. The feet should be separated left-to-right like they are standing on train tracks rather than on a tightrope.

2. First, inhale both arms skyward and then exhale as you reach your arms and torso toward the horizon, before framing the front foot with your hands. You may use yoga blocks to help you reach the ground if necessary.

3. Lift and lengthen the spine as you inhale then, maintaining the length from pubic bone to chin, exhale your torso over the front leg.

4. Turn all ten fingers to face the back of your mat and walk the finger pads towards the foot behind you until your



Inspired by the crystalline structure above Toronto's Ismaili Centre, this pose requires dedication — don't be afraid to take your time. ANNE-MARIE JACKSON/TORONTO STAR

arms straighten and your hands resemble little pyramids. Feel free to bring your blocks along for the ride. Stay here for five breaths.

5. However, if your flexibility and spirit of adventure allow for it, try pivoting the back heel off the mat, rooting your fingers into the ground and lifting the back foot towards your seat by bending only at the knee. Do your best to keep the hips from shifting forward as you remove the support of your back leg.

6. Defy gravity in this daring, cantilevered shape for up to five breaths, before reversing the pose and repeating on the second side.

YuMee Chung is a recovering lawyer who teaches yoga in Toronto. She is on the faculty of several yoga teacher training programs and leads international yoga retreats. Learn more about her at padmani.com.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Witty, wry, even sad, Fleabag is a sensation

THE SHOW: *Fleabag*, Season 1, Episode 1 (Amazon Prime)
THE MOMENT: Dissing the ex

Fleabag (Phoebe Waller-Bridge, who created and writes the show) has just met a buck-toothed man on a bus (Jamie Demetriou). He asks how her ex was fool enough to let her go.

"He was just really kind and supportive," she says. "He'd cook all the time, run baths. Laugh at my jokes. He was great with my family. Plus he was

really f—ing affectionate."

She's serious, but Bus Rodent doesn't get it. "Yeah, he sounds like a dickhead," he says.

She gives him her number. "I'll be sure to treat you like a nasty little bitch," he says. She grins into the camera at us.

"Um, that was a joke," he says.

"Oh, I know," she trills. But to us, she frowns.

In this six-part series, Waller-Bridge's sharp-tongued, but secretly self-loathing, Lon-

doner (we never learn her real name) frequently breaks the fourth wall, talking directly to the viewer in the middle of a scene. It's like watching your best friend's home movies while she whispers the real, raunchier story in your ear.

She obsesses about sex, "the performance of it. The awkwardness." She kills time in the failing café she opened with her best pal Boo (Jenny Rainsford). She laments to her uptight sister Claire (Sian Clifford) that

her farts now sound like their mum's.

You can see why the show is a sensation. Waller-Bridge is witty and wry and then suddenly sad. Though by the end you may feel that a piece of her soul is still missing, you'd happily come back for more.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Phoebe Waller-Bridge frequently breaks the fourth wall and talks directly to the viewers in *Fleabag*. CONTRIBUTED

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'Overdoses used to stand out'

FIRST RESPONDERS

An 'epidemic' of fentanyl-related deaths may only be getting worse

Shane Gibson

The rash of suspected fentanyl-related deaths making news in Winnipeg is just the tip of the iceberg of a problem that's only getting worse, according to some on the frontlines.

Winnipeg firefighter paramedic Derek Balcaen says for every death that makes headlines, there are several others who first responders are able to save before they become a grim front page statistic.

"Overdoses used to stand out," says the 11-year veteran of the Winnipeg Firefighter Paramedic Service. "But over the last six months the prevalence of these calls has shot through the roof



Statistics show the number of fentanyl-related deaths in Winnipeg rose from 13 in 2014 to 20 in 2015. ISTOCK

to the point where our crews are going on these calls basically every day.

"And it's not just only in the drug houses; we're seeing this at Friday night parties in Royalwood just as much as we're seeing it in the North End and everywhere in between."

Statistics from Manitoba's Of-

fice of the Chief Medical Examiner show the number of fentanyl-related deaths in Winnipeg rose from 13 in 2014 to 20 in 2015. The number of victims is expected to rise again in 2016 with nine fentanyl-related deaths already confirmed in the first five months, and a string of new suspected cases reported in

November alone.

The opiate — 100 times more powerful than morphine — is so addictive Balcaen says crews are starting to see the same overdose victims multiple times, and says first responders were recently called to a home twice in the same day after the girlfriend of man who'd overdosed in the morning

overdosed herself hours later.

Stories like those don't surprise Dr. Ginette Poulin from the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba.

"What many of my patients would tell me is that if they see that people are overdosing... for them, that just means that's the good stuff," she says.

And to make matters worse

+ PUBLIC SAFETY

Go to uffw.ca/videos to see the latest commercials from the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg's public safety campaign about the dangers of fentanyl and carfentanyl.

Poulin says she's now seeing drugs like crystal meth, cocaine — and even pot — being laced with fentanyl, meaning users with no tolerance to opiates can overdose unknowingly.

Balcaen calls what he's seeing an epidemic, and it's led the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg to start a union-funded public safety campaign to educate the public about the dangers of fentanyl and the even more powerful carfentanyl, a large animal tranquilizer 100 times more lethal than fentanyl.

"The main point is to make sure parents are talking to their kids about this," says Balcaen. "This is not your average recreational drug — it's different and it is lethal."



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MEET THE CONDO

Premium feel in the southwest

MURANO GARDENS



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Project overview

With one phase nearly sold out and another on the way, Murano Gardens is a popular choice for people who want luxury condo living in the growing southwest corner of the city.

Housing amenities

Tall ceilings, large balconies and high-end finishes like quartz countertops and tile backslashes give every suite a premium feel. The complex also boasts shared amenities like a fitness room, residents' lounge, outdoor patio and large lobby with a seating area.

Location and transit

Two bus routes stop in front of the building providing direct access to the Kenaston & McGillivray and Grant Park shopping areas. A nearby paved bike path leads to FortWhyte Alive and Assiniboine Forest.

In the neighbourhood

Ikea and the new Seasons of Tuxedo Shopping Centre offer shopping and dining within walking distance. For recreation, the Golf-dome, an indoor cycling gym, barre studio and fitness centre are all down the street.

+ NEED TO KNOW

What: Murano Gardens
Builder: Kothari Group
Designer: Kothari Group
Location: 1044 Wilkes Avenue
Building: Four-storey apartment-style condos
Sizes: 704 – 1,415 square feet
Pricing: \$226k – \$399k

Model: One, two and three bedrooms with heated underground parking
Status: Under construction
Occupancy: December 2016 (Phase 1)
Phone: 204-963-1044
Website: muranogardens.ca

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The Canadian Olympic Committee has partnered with the creative agency that developed the Toronto Raptors' "We The North" campaign

Little provides big boost

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew
'Hustler'
Paterson



The month of November was one of survival test for the Winnipeg Jets. With a decimated lineup and 16 games in 29 days, the team faced a daunting challenge of staying in playoff mix without some of their most important players during the busiest portion of the schedule.

There was a real possibility of the season slipping away over the last few weeks. Considering the youth of the team and the incredible amount of injuries the Jets have been dealing with, many wouldn't have been surprised to see the bottom fall out in November. It didn't happen.

While it certainly wasn't pretty at times, the Jets managed to keep their heads above water with a 7-7-2 record for the month. Despite a disastrous 0-5 road trip that ended last week, the team bounced back with two big wins on home ice, and find themselves just one game under .500 entering December with help on the way and a light at the end of the tunnel.

Tuesday night, the player who has been missed the most returned to the lineup and made an immediate impact. It's hard to quantify just how much Bryan Little means to the Jets, but considering just how much Paul Maurice leaned on him in his return



Bryan Little's return gives the Jets a boost at both ends of the ice. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

to the lineup, the answer is a lot.

Little is one of the most underrated two-way players in the league. His presence in the lineup allows Maurice to ice a much more potent top six offensively, while adding much needed defensive awareness and help on both special teams units. His return couldn't have come soon enough.

With Mathieu Perreault close to returning and Toby

Enstrom back from dealing with a family matter in Sweden, more reinforcements are on the way immediately, while the team also waits for Tyler Myers, Joel Armia and Shawn Matthias to heal up.

Winnipeg now has five straight wins at home heading into a big game at MTS Centre Thursday against Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers. Connor Hellebuyck has emerged as the Jets No. 1 goaltender and has

been particularly sharp on home ice as of late. Strong play at home will need to be a cornerstone of the team as they try to get their road record back to respectability going forward.

There is a long way to go for the Jets to challenge for the playoffs this season. Estimates suggest that it will take 92 points to make the playoffs in the Western conference, meaning a record of 11 games over .500 minimum

over the final 57 games will be necessary to qualify for the post season. A tall task yes, but certainly not impossible.

While the team would certainly like to be higher in the standings right now, being able to hold their position through November was imperative.

The Jets have survived. Now with the team getting healthier, it's time to make a move heading into the holiday season.

CHAPECOENSE

'We will rebuild this club'

Six players, a handful of support staff, and deep sorrow are all that remain of Brazil's Chapecoense soccer club.

They will still try to play again. Because they know that's what their 19 teammates who died when a charter plane ripped into an Andean mountainside would want them to do.

"In the memory of those who died and to honour their families, we will rebuild this club from scratch so it is even stronger," club director and local businessman Cecilio Hans said. "We had material assets and human assets. Now we've lost nearly all of our human assets."

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Only three players survived the crash, and all are recovering at a hospital in Colombia.

Other clubs in Brazil's top league are offering to loan players to Chapecoense, with a proposal that the modest club in deep southern Brazil is guaranteed to stay in the top division for the next three years.

"The club will rebuild, I am sure," said Walter Feldman, secretary general of the Brazilian Football Confederation. "Eight clubs have already called me to offer concrete, material solidarity. We are studying ways to best help."

Monday's crash occurred as the team was on its way to the two-game final of the Copa Sudamericana — the No. 2 tournament on the continent.

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A boy takes part in a tribute to the victims in Medellin, Colombia, on Wednesday. RAUL ARBOLEDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CURLING

Jones continues winning in Brandon

Jennifer Jones and her Winnipeg team are off to a quick start at the Canada Cup after posting a pair of wins on opening day.

The defending Olympic champion took the early lead atop the women's standings Wednesday after opening with a 9-4 win over Edmonton's Kelsey Rocque and following with a 6-4 victory over Tracy Fleury of Sudbury, Ont.

Jones made the first of her 12 Scotties Tournament of Hearts appearances at Brandon's Keystone Centre in 2002.



Jennifer Jones
THE CANADIAN PRESS

be back in Brandon where it all began in front of a hometown crowd." THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I remember walking to the arena and thinking this is the biggest rink I've ever been in and I couldn't believe we got to play in it," said Jones. "It's pretty cool to

IN BRIEF

Sens' Anderson takes leave to tend to wife

Ottawa Senators goaltender Craig Anderson has taken a leave of absence from the team as his wife, Nicholle, battles a rare form of throat cancer.

The Senators announced the development on Twitter and said Anderson isn't expected to be available for Ottawa's game Thursday against visiting Philadelphia.

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MMA

GSP among stars who launch guild

Former UFC champions Georges St. Pierre, Cain Velasquez and T.J. Dillashaw have joined an attempt to form a mixed martial arts fighters association.

Current UFC fighters Donald (Cowboy) Cerrone and Tim Kennedy also announced their participation Wednesday in an organizing effort led by fighters and joined by Bjorn Rebney, the former CEO of Bellator.

The Mixed Martial Arts Athletes Association is the latest attempt to organize fighters in

RIVALS

Three of the involved fighters are represented by Creative Artists Agency, a rival of the WME-IMG conglomerate which bought the UFC earlier this year.

a famously individualistic sport into a collective bargaining unit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Fragrant One Pot Sweet Potato and Arugula Pasta



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

- 1 Tbsp salt
- 6 cups water
- 1/2 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Combine penne, arugula, sweet potato, garlic, shallot, rosemary, 2 Tbsp oil, salt and water in a stock pot. Bring to boil over high heat. Cook, stirring pasta frequently, until pasta is cooked al dente and water is nearly evaporated, about 10 minutes.

2. Remove pot from heat and take out the rosemary stem. Stir in the last tablespoon of oil, cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with another sprinkle of cheese.

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The peppery arugula and woody rosemary are the perfect match for sweet potato in this dish designed for fall.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

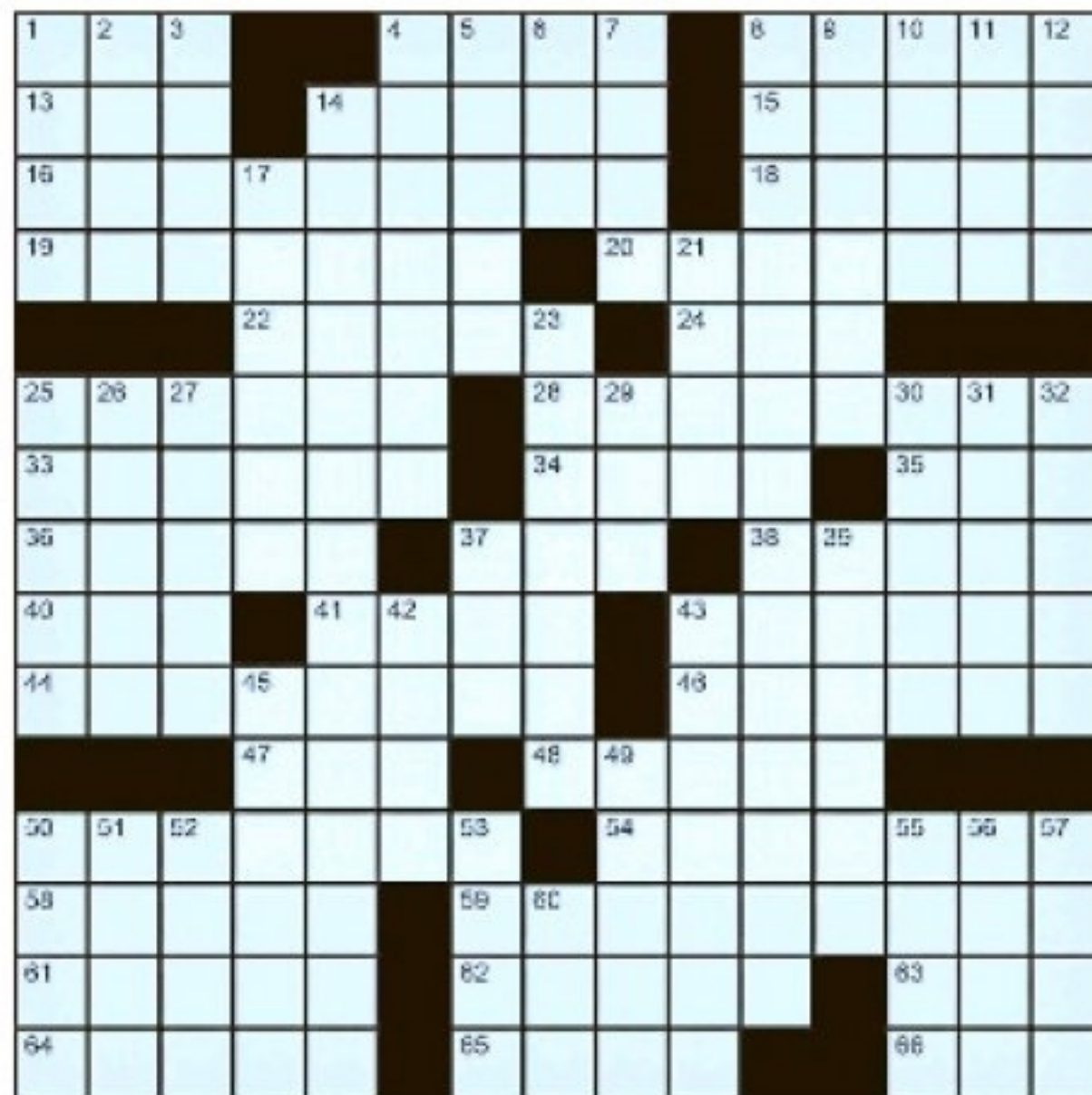
- 500 grams penne pasta
- 8 cups baby arugula
- 1 sweet potato, diced into small cubes
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 shallot, cut into thinly sliced
- 1 sprig of rosemary
- 3 Tbsp of olive oil, plus 1 for garnish

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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- Reads 'em and does this
- A famous Charlotte
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7. Strike
8. Frankenstein creator formally, Mary _ Shelley (b.1797 - d.1851)
9. The ancient Turkish city of Urfa as it was known in Mesopotamia
10. The _ (U2 guitarist)

- Dramatist's creation
- Hockey Hall of Famer Mr. Apps'
- Undertaking for the valiant: 2 wds.
- Draw back
- Naturalness
- Deliver the goods
- Piercing
- Shakespeare: As You Like It role
- Pharrell Williams' uplifting hit
- John and Yoko's son ...his initials-sharers
- Rio _ Alcan Planetarium (Montreal space attraction)
- Ryan Seacrest, for one
- Brit singer Leo
- Greyhound vehicle
- The Parthenon goddess
- Roller Coaster, for example
- "Hold on just one second and listen!": 2 wds.
- Grate/bother
- Sicily's volcano, and namesakes
- Marshes
- Carbamide
- The Queen's cypher: letter + Roman Numeral + letter
- Duration
- Gladiator's 559
- Ms. Gruning of "Casablanca" (1942)
- Those, in Spanish
- Company's stock mkt. debut

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a fabulous day to schmooze with others. Enjoy your interactions with groups and friends, as well as partners and those who are close to you. Laugh it up!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you make a great impression on bosses, parents, VIPs and anyone in a position of authority (including the police). Your ambition is strong, and so is your confidence.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do whatever you can to take a vacation or find a change of scenery, because you need this. Today you want adventure, thrills and a chance to learn something new and exciting!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is an excellent day to discuss shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances, because quite likely you will end up laughing all the way to the bank.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your interactions with others are positive and dynamic today, primarily because you have lots of energy. Because enthusiasm is always contagious, people are pumped to be in your presence.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will get a lot done at work today because you are energetic, focused and upbeat. A happy mind that is ready to work is unstoppable!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Accept all invitations to party, because © 2016 King Features Syndicate, Inc. today is a wonderful, social day for you. Enjoy the arts, sports events, playful times with children and romantic liaisons.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Increased activity and chaos on the home front might be a challenge. However, today you have the energy to pull your act together at home. Do what you can.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be successful in all your communication. This is great news for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write for a living.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a moneymaking day for you! Trust your moneymaking ideas. All of your financial negotiations will benefit you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Fiery Mars is in your sign today, dancing with lucky Jupiter. This gives you lots of positive get up and go! It's a great day for athletics and outdoor activities.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Secret liaisons will be exciting today. (This includes private love affairs.) You're happy to work alone today.

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